A view of all THE RIGHT HO

nourable the Lord Mayors of this *Honorable Citty of London.*

With the perſonages, and alſo ſuch chiefe occaſions as happened in euery ſeuerall mayors time, as alſo their charitable gifts are ſet downe, and the places of their burials.

Beginning at the firſt yeare of her maieſties happy raigne, and continued vnto this preſent yeare 1601.

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TO THE RIGHT HO-norable Sir William Ryder

Lord Mayor of this Honourable *Citty of London.*

RIght Honourable, I find in common experience that euery Author fitteth the patronage of his long labour, vnto some personage of esteeme: and in knitting vp his resolution, presumeth vpon the fauour of such a one, as in his long debated conceit, best vnderstandeth the subiect whereon hee laboureth: Euen so I, being hartened forth by other mens good haps, haue only made choise of your honour, vnder whose fauour I hope to be protected: and finding it my duty (considring the honor it hath pleased God to bestow vpon you) to rest my labor vppon so worthy a rocke. The causes mouing me to this worke might be many, but especially foure. First, the examples of good iustice done by your predecessors. Secondly, the christian and charitable patterns left for after ages, by their examples. Thirdly, how many poore in this citty and else-where are relieued to the worlds end, by their liberalities and godly prouisions. And fourthly but principally (Right Honorable that which no good subiect will obiect against) the great mercy of God, in blessing this little land with so precious a Prince, in whose raigne may be told to after ages, that neuer any one age heard before, that 43. Lord Mayors of this Citty, haue seene 43. yeares all in peace, vnder so gracious a Soueraigne: In peace one yeare to take place, and in that great blessing (Peace) the next yeare to resign againe (God long preserue that root from whence such blossomes spring.) I had thought to haue put it out naked, but being better aduised, I haue in duty (being a poore Citizen) presented your Honor with the first fruit of my labour, praying pardon at your kind hands for my rash and rude presumption vpon your patience, if I shal any way offend. I haue in this collection dealt as faithfully towardes euery particular personage, as I find recorded, and (I trust) giuen no cause of offence to any good knight, either liuing or deceased. Thus finishing my taske in your yeare of gouernement, I shall daily pray to God for your Honours good successe.

Your Honors in all duty,

William Iaggard.

*An.reg.*1. Sir Thomas Lee *Mercer.* 1558

THis ſir Thomas Lee (or Leigh) gouerned this worthy Citty of London, in the yeare 1558. He was not long in this authoritye, but God ſent vs our gracious and Noble queene Elizabeth to raigne and gouerne ouer this happy land. At the ſolemnization of her Maieſties Coronation, it pleaſed hir highneſſe to make this lord Mayor Butler for that high feaſt, & gaue vnto him a cup of golde for his dilligent paines and diſcharge of his high office. Alſo in this yeare the cittizens of London had a muſter before the queene at Greenewich of 1400. men, all furniſhed and ſet forth by the ſeuerall companies of the citty of London. Sir Thomas Lee lies buried in the Mercers chappell.

Sheriffes. { Iohn Hlaſe. / Richard Champion. }

An.reg.2 Sir Wil.Huet *Clothworker.* 1559

SIr William Huet was next that had the gouernment and was lord Mayor of this famous Citty. He was the firſt mayor of the Worſhipfull Company of the Clothworkers, he was very charitable and a very good commonwealth man. In this yeare on michealmaſſe eeuen was publiſhed a proclamation concerning baſe coine, (called the third fall of baſe money, and for it came newe coine of fine ſiluer. He hauing but one daughter, married with maiſt. Edward Osborne (being his man) and after Lord mayor of this citty, who erected in remembrance of his ſaid mayſter & father, a pretty monument, in the church of ſaint martin Orgar, where he was buried the 25. of Ianuary 1566.

Sheriffes { Thomas Lodge. / Roger martin. }

An. reg. 3. Sir Wil. Chester *Draper.* 1560

IN this yeare 1560. Sir William Chester was elected & chosen Lord Mayor of this Citty, no matter worthy note haopened throughout this yeare, concerning this Citty, saue only about the moneth of April, there was one whipped for taking vpon him a false Christ, and after his punishment confessed that Christ was in heauen. This yeare vpon the fourth of Iune betweene the houres of foure and fiue after noone, Paules steeple was set on fire by lightning, so terrible, that in foure houres, the steeple with the roofes of the church were consumed. This knight liued after this place of honor some yeares, and lies buried in saint Edmunds church in Lumbard street.

Sheriffes. Christopher Draper. Thomas Rowe.

An. reg. 4. Sir Wil. Harper *Merchantaylor.* 1561

SIr William Harper Lord Mayor of this citty of London, ſhewed many good workes of chriſtianity, amongſt many vertues, he erected a free ſchoole in the auncient towne of Bedford, (in which towne he was borne. This yeare her Maieſty by proclamation reſtored vnto all her louing ſubiectes diuers ſmall pieces of money, from ſix pence to three farthinges. Alſo this yeare was made ready and ſet forward her Maieſties forces for the recouery of the town of New hauen, which was by Gods aſſiſtance effected and got by the Engliſh. Manye excellent deedes of charity proceeded from this good knight, which are not yet gathered, he was buried in Lumbard ſtreet, at ſaint Mary Wolnoth.

Sheriffes. Alexander Avenon. Humfrey Baskervile

*An.reg.*5 Sir Thomas Lodge *Grocer.* 1562

THis yeare ſir Thomas Lodge was Lord Mayor, in whoſe yeare the Engliſh men returned from Newhauen, at the comming home of which companies, there aroſe a great plague, eſpecially within this citty, and as M. Stow recordeth, there died of all diſeaſes within this citty the liberties & outpariſhes 23660. Of the plague, 20136. By reaſon hereof no tearme was kept at Michaelmaſſe. Alſo there was a great Earthquake in England, and a great tempeſt about London, whereby much hurt happened about Charing-croſſe. This Knight hath no other matters recorded of his time, what deedes hee did in this citty or in his company, as yet I find not. He lies in Aldermary church.

Sheriffes { William Allin. / Richard Champion. }

*An.reg.*6 Sir Iohn White *Grocer.* 1563

IN this yeare 1563. was ſir Iohn White Lord Mayor of this Honourable citty but by reaſon the peſtilence was not yet cleare, he was forced to leaue the accuſtomed maner of taking his Oath at Weſtminſter, and receiued it at the vtmoſt gate of the Tower of London, neither was there any feaſt at the Guildhal. Hyllary tearme was kept in Hartford Caſtle. The Armorers through ſute made to this Lord Mayor, got a Watch graunted vpon ſa int Peters eeven. It was alſo enacted by a common councell, that if any Citizen were forced to ſell his houſhold ſtuffe, he ſhould haue it cryed by a Belman, and then ſold by a common outcryer appointed for that purpoſe. He was not buried in London.

Sheriffes. Edward Bankes. Rowland Heyward.

An. reg. 7. Sir Richard Mallary *Mercer.* 1564

SIr Richard Mallary was according to auncient cuſtome by the common conſent of this citty elected and choſen Lord Mayor for this yeare, in whoſe time I finde little recorded. In this yeare was the great Froſt, being very ſharpe & extreame, and continued many daies, inſomuch as the Thames was ſo frozen vp, that from London bridge to Weſtminſter, diuers courtyers ſhot at prickes vppon the yce. It continued till the third of Ianuary, and then came ſo ſwift a thaw, that within two daies the yce was ſo cleane conſumed, as if no ſuch froſt had happned, but in the farewel thereof it bare downe Owſe bridge, and did much hurt. The Watch was this yeare continued on ſaint Peters eeuen, Nothing can I ſay further of this knight as yet, He lies buryed in the Mercers chappell.

{ *Sheriffes.* } Edward Iackman, Lyonell Ducket.

An. reg. 8. Sir Rich. Champion *Draper.* 1565

THis yeare ſir Richard Champion was Lord Mayor of London, who ſhewed himſelfe very dilligent and carefull in the diſcharge of the truſt to him committed, He liued but a ſhort time after this his high office, ſome three years at his death he left a very chriſtian and charitable token of remembrance to all after ages, for as in his life time he relieued the poore, ſo he hath ordained a weekly ſtipend to be beſtowed vpon the poore of the pariſh of S. Dunſtans in the Eaſt, where he lyeth vnder a very faire monument erected, In his time was purchaſed by the Citty, certain houſes in Cornhill, amounting to the ſum of 552. poundes, or thereabout, and deliuered to ſir Thomas Greſham, whoe builded the ſame at his owne charge, & on the 7. of Iune laid with his owne hands, the firſt ſtone.

Sheriffes. { John Riuers. / Iames Hawes. }

An. reg. 9. Chriſto. Draper *Ironmonger.* 1566

IN this yeare 1566. was ſir Chriſtopher Draper by common cuſtome choſen & appointed Lord Mayor of this citty, the which place hee diſcharged with great grauity, and lived many yeares a Worſhipfull knight and Iuſtice in this cyttye, I finde nothing as yet of his almeſdeedes, but as they come to hand, they ſhall be inſerted. This yeare there died within the compaſſe of ten monethes ſeuen ſeuerall Aldermen, which hath not beene ſeene before or ſince that time. On mydſommer euen at night this yeare, was the like ſtanding watch, as had bin on ſaint Peters euen the yeare before paſt. This Knight hath no monument erected, but lieth buried in a vault at ſaint Dunſtons in the Eaſt, without any further remembrance of any thing.

Sheriffes. { Rich. Lambert died
Ambroſe Nycholas
Iohn Langley. }

An. reg. 10. Sir Roger Martin *Mercer.* 1567

SIr Roger Martin was now Lord Mayor of this citty, who diſcharged the ſame very grauely and as the place required, His bringing vp was not very great, but by his diſcreet carriage and good dealing, became in time a great merchant in this citty and of great wealth, He was very courteous, and of a very pleſant and ieaſting ſpirit, He was ſo well taken amongſt men, that hee was choſen an Alderman firſt, after called to be ſheriffe of London, and in his due place mayor, this knight married a Grecian dame, and lyeth buried in the pariſh church of ſaint Antolines, vnder a very faire monument erected, This yeare there happened ſuch ſcarſitie of fodder and hay, that in diuers places the ſame was ſold by waiſt for fiue pence the ſtone. No further can as yet be ſet downe of this knight.

Sheriffes. Thomas Ramſey. William Bond.

*An.reg.*11. Sir Tho. Rowe *Merchantaylor.* 1568

THis yeare ſir Thomas Row was Lord Mayor, He did many works of charity amongſt which he compaſſed nigh one acre of ground neere Bedlem with a bricke wall, to bury the dead of all ſuch pariſhes as had not conuenient buriall, He alſo erected a gallary at Paules Croſſe, for gentlewomen to ſtande in to heare the ſermons, At his deceaſe he gaue vnto the Merchantaylors a hundred li. in money for the vſe of eight poore men, vſing clothworking or making of garments to vſe for two yeares for euer, He alſo gaue lands for the vſe of ten poore & impotent men paſt labour, free of the Clothworkers, carpenters, tylers, playſterers and Armorers, that is foure pound a man for euer, He was buried at Hackney vnder a very faire monument in that church erected.

Sheriffes. { John Oleph. / Robert Harding. / Iames Bacon. }

An. reg. 12. Sir Alex. Avenon *Ironmonger.* 1509

IN this yeare of ſir Alexander Auenon knight, and at this time Lord Mayor of this citty of London, there was no accuſtomed feaſt kept at the Guildhall, by reaſon that the peſtilence had now againe caught hold in furious manner within this citty, but he held the cuſtome of going to Weſtminſter by water, and there had his charge deliuered. The rebellion in the North this yeare was very tedious, and many forces were conueyed thither to ſuppreſſe and bring vnder the violent outrage of thoſe Rebels, being the Earles of Northumberland and Weſtmerland. Of this knight as yet no further mention can be made, concerning either his place or any almeſdeedes towards the relieſe of the needy, becauſe no certaine notice is found thereof, He was buried at ſaint Peters in cheape, but no monument.

Sheriffes. Henry Becher, William Dane.

*An.reg.*13. Sir Row. Heyward *Clothworker.* 1570

Sir Rowland Heyward was Lord Mayor for this yeare 1570. and liued after till the yeare 1590. the iuſt compaſſe of twenty yeares, and then was the ſecond time Lord Mayor, he liued ſome thirty yeares, Alderman, knight and Iuſtice, in this famous citty, and at the time of his death, the ancienteſt vpon that worthy bench. He was a man of a very graue, wiſe, and courageous ſtomach, as might be well obſerued of him in his laſt time of gouernment, He was well beloued of many good men and women. In his firſt yeare, her Maieſty, accompanied with her Nobles, came to ſir Thomas Greſſams, and at her returne named the Burſe, and called it the royall Exchange, He died in great credit, the 5 of Decem. 93. appoincing two worthy citizens his executors, they erected for him a faire monument.

Sheriffes. { Frances Barnham / William Box. }

An. reg. 14. Sir Wilam Allin *Mercer.* 1571

THis yeare ſir William Allin was called to this high place, by the whole conſent and cuſtome of this citty, He was a man of no greater birth then a Citizen of this cytty, and borne without Byſhopſgate, He had ſo tender a feeling of the many neceſsities of the poore, that he would bny wood from the carte and diſtribute it with his owne hands, Beſides he would walke often through the ſaid pariſh, and ſuch poore as ſtood in need he gaue reliefe vnto, and at his death gaue a weekly portion of bread to the poore of the ſame pariſh vpon euery ſabbaoth day for euer, and was buried in the pariſh church wherein hee was chriſtened. This yeare the citizens trained three times a weeke, the number of 3000. and on May day muſtred before the Queenes Maieſty at Greenwich.

Sheriffes. Henry Myles. Iohn Branch.

An. reg. 15 Sir Lyonell Dvcket *Mercer.* 1572

IN this yeare of our Lord abouesaid, the choise of the lorde mayor of this citrye, was appointed to the gouernment and charge of sir Lyonell Ducket, who so behaued himselfe in this high place, that hee gained vnto himselfe great credite all the rest of his daies, It should also appeare by circumstance, that he had a desire to raise the needy poore, by leauing a tast of his bounty behind him, bestowing largely vpon the poore of the parish of Buckland in Barkshire, in which place he rested him, and gaue a farewell to London, and in that towne and parish ended his daies, and there lies buried. Many bi matters happned in his yeare, but nothing concerning himselfe or this citty, can I finde as yet of certainty, but if any true notes come to hand, they shall be ioyned hereunto.

Sheriffes. Rychard Pype. Nicholas Wodroffe.

An. reg. 16. Sir Iohn Ryuers *Grocer.* 1573

THis yeare ſir Iohn Ryvers being free of the company of the Grocers, followed the auncient ſolemnity, went to Weſtminſter by water and receiued his charge, and held a ſolemne feaſt at the Guildhall. He diſcharged the truſt to him committed with great grauity, care and dilligence, and yet in this yeare there aroſe a dearth both in corne and other victuals without any iuſt cauſe to bee gathered, for wheate was ſold in London for three ſhillinges the buſhell, and yet before the Chriſtmas following it roſe vp to ſeuen ſhillings the buſhell, and then all manner of victuall was inhanſed to greater prices, nothing haue I yet more to ſay of this knight, neither that he was buried in London. This yeare by reaſon of a great and vnaccuſtomed tempeſt, the boy was drowned at Dowgate.

Sheriffes. { Iames Harvey / Thomas Pulliſon }

An. reg. 17 Sir Iam. Hawes *Clothworker.* 1574

Sir Iames Hawes was this yeare called vpon and was Lorde Mayor of this Ho-
nourable Cytty of London. This Mayor kept no feaſt at the Guildhall, and
yet there was great preparation made for the ſame feaſt, as in former yeares it
had bin accuſtomed, but dined at his owne houſe, accompanied with the reſt of
the Aldermen his brethren, and the companies dined in their ſeuerall Halles. Mi-
chaelmaſſe tearme which was adiourned by proclamation, began at Weſtminſter
the 6. of Nouember. This yeare wheat and other graine, fell from 7. ſhillings to
3. ſhillinges, as in the yeare before. More of this knight I cannot ſet downe, hee
was buried in Abchurch, but no monument erected. Alſo this yeare happened
many ſtrange accidents, as may more at large be read in the Chronicles.

Sheriffes. { Thomas Blanke. / Antho. Gammage. }

An. reg. 18. Sir Amroſe Nycholas *Salter.* 1575

SIr Ambroſe Nycholas was by common conſent, called in this yeare of our Lord to the rule and gouernment of this citty, who effected the ſame in great grauity and circumſpect diligence, He kept no feaſt likewiſe at the guildhall but kept the cuſtome in going to Weſtminſter by water, and dined at his owne houſe, as for the companies they dined in their ſeuerall halles. This knight did many waies relieue and comfort the poore, and liued ſome few yeares a worthy knight and Iuſtice of the citty, and lies buried vnder a very faire monument at S. Mildreds church in Bredſtreet, nothing further canne be ſhewed concerning this knight as yet, This yeare Captaine Frobiſher ſet forth his firſt voyage to Cathay for gold, and brought one of the people of that countrey home with him.

Sheriffes. { Edward Osborne / Wolſtan Dyxy }

An. reg. 19 Sir Iohn Landley *goldsmith.* 1570

IN this yeare sir Iohn Landley came to the gouernment of this citty, and discharged the trust to him committed with great care and dilligence. In his year the Tower of London bridge was taken downe a new fonndation being drawn sir Iohn being Mayor did take vpon him the laying of the first stone of this foundation vpon the 28 of August, in the presence of both the sheriffes, and twoe of the maisters of the Bridgehouse, At his death he should haue bin buried at saint Laurences, but in breaking vp the vault, one lle of the church was in great danger of falling, and therefore was buried in the mayors chappell neare Guildhall. This yeare happened the sudden dampe at the Syses held at Oxford, whereof so many worthy Iustices and other people died suddenly.

Sheriffes. { William Kempton. / George Barne. }

An. reg. 20 Sir Tho. Ramſey *Grocer.* 1577

THis ſir Thomas Ramſey Lorde Mayor for this yeare with the godly dame Mary his wife, gaue the feeſimple of the yearly value of 243. pounds vnto Chriſtes Hoſpitall in London, to Peterhouſe in Cambridge yearelye 40. li. to 4 ſcholers, and two fellowes there. More x. li yearely to the poore of S. Bartholomewes, and ten pound yearely to poore priſoners, this to be continued for euer, the remainder to the poore children of Chriſts hoſpitall, theſe gifts are much augmented by the good Lady. He continually relieued the poore. He gaue much towards the helping forward of young men retaylors of his company, hee was a very careful maieſtrate, & walked in the feare of God, was well beloued, He liued 79. yeares, he lies in Saint Mary Wolnoth in Lumbard ſtreet.

Sheriffes. Nicholas Backhouſe. Fraunces Bowyer.

An. reg. 21. Sir Richard Pype *Draper.* 1578

THis yeare ſir Richard Pype being free of the worſhipful company of the Drapers, had the ſword and gouernment of this citty committed to his charge, in his yeare, about the xxii. of Ianuary, about ſeuen a clocke at night, the Nobility of this land, and this Mayor with his brethren the Aldermen, receyued Iohn Caſimere landing at the Tower wharffe, and with torchlight brought him to the houſe of ſir Thomas Greſham in Byſhopſgateſtreet. Alſo the new tower vpon London bridge whereon the heads of traytors ſtand, the foundation being layed the yeare before, was fully finiſhed in the moneth of Auguſt. Other accidents fel forth this yeare, but nothing touching the mayor, as yet I find, neyther that he was buryed in London.

Sheriffes. { George Bond. / Thomas Starkey. }

*An.reg.*22 Sir Nych. wodroffe *Habrdaſher* 1575

IN this yeare of our Lord, ſir Nycholas Wodroffe vſing the auncient cuſtome, tooke his charge at Weſtminſter, and his feaſt in the Guildhall, hee diſcharged the truſt to him committed, with great care and dilligence, and liued ſom few yeares after a Iuſtice of this citty, I finde no notes of his bounty as yet, but if any happen to hand hereafter, they ſhall be added, neither where he died or was buried, I cannot ſet downe. This yeare happened the great Earth quake, both here in London, and alſo generally throughout all England, except ſome part of the North, by which great hurt happened about London, it continued in London but a moment, but in ſome places it was felt three ſeuerall times, Many ſtrange accidents happened this yeare, as may be found at large in the Chronicles.

Sheriffes. { Martin Calthorpe. / Iohn Hart. }

An. reg. 23. Sir Iohn Branch *Draper.* 1580

SIr Iohn Branch was called this yeare to bee Lord Mayor, and liued after hee had diſcharged this office ſome yeares. At his departure out of this life, he appointed by his Will many goodly Legacies, giftes, and remembrances to be done, amongſt all which he remembred the poore of the pariſh wherein he was an inhabitant, and gaue vnto the ſaid poore a ſumme of money, to be diſtributed at the diſcretion of the churchwardens and other the gouernors of that pariſh, alſo he lies buried in Abchurch, vnder a very faire monument erected by his Lady, and other of his kindred. This yeare came into England many of the Peeres of France, accompanied with a great traine, & then was made ready the banquetting houſe alſo the Nobles of this land made great triumph before her Maieſty.

Sheriffes. Ralph Woodcocke. Iohn Allat.

An. reg. 24. Sir Iames Harvey *Ironmonger.* 1581

THis yeare of our Lord God ſir Iames Haruey was according to auncient ſolemnity elected and choſen Lord Mayor of this Citty, and paſſed thorough this charge like a wiſe, graue, and diſcreet maieſtrate, hee liued ſome after yeares, but inſomuch as he hath a monument erected in the pariſh church of ſaint Dyoniſe in Fanchurchſtreat, and not yet fiuiſhed through the default of ſome who were put in truſt to finiſh the ſaid monument, I cannot ſet downe ſuch apt notes as might haue there haue bin found, This yeare Mounſieur the French kings brother, came into England, and was honourably receiued, both of the Nobles of the land, and this Lord Mayor, and the reſt of the Aldermen his brethren. And after ſome few moneths returned out of this land in great honor.

Sheriffes. { Richard Martyn. / William Webbe. }

*An.reg.*25 Sir Tho. blanke *Haberdaſher* 1582

IN this yeare ſir Thomas Blanke was Lord Mayor of this Honourable Citty, this mayor was borne and brought vp in this Citty, and vſed the trade of merchandize, he was accounted very religious in obſeruing Gods word, he was alſo accounted very iuſt and vpright in all his dealings, and a great maintainer of hoſpitality. to the poore he was a father and great comforter, hee was ſo well beloued and eſteemed amongſt both rich and poore, inſomuch that he was called by this name (The Good Knight) he liued the age of 74. yeares, and died the 28. of October 1588. and lyeth vnder a very faire monument at ſaint Mary Hill. In his year the Tearme was remoued to the Caſtle of Hertford. Alſo the ſtandart at Leaden Hall for thames water was in his time erected.

Sheriffes. { Willlam Roe. / Iohn Haydon. / Cuthbert Buckle. }

An. reg. 25. Sir Edw. Osborne *Clothworker.* 1583

THis yeare of our Lorde ſir Edwarde Osborne was elected Lorde Mayor of this Citty, what countrey man he was, or of what parentage I find not, but as an apprentiſe he ſerned ſir William Huet before remembred, vſing merchandize into France, Spaine, the ſtraights, & other where, and after the ende of his ſeruice, married his ſaid maiſters daughter (hauing no other child) whereby his ſtate was greatly raiſed, This knight erected an euerlaſting monument in remembrance of his ſaid mayſter, and father in Law, but none hath ſo requited his kindneſſe, for he lies buried in ſaint Dyoniſe church in Fanchurch ſtreet, but hath no monument, nor further remembrance, as yet can be found, except in his company. I may hereafter come to more perfect remembrances.

Sheriffes. { William Marſham. / Iohn Spencer. }

An. reg. 27 Sir Tho. Pulliſon *Draper.* 1584

IN this yeare ſir Thomas Pulliſon ſerued this place of Honour, and diſcharged the ſame with graue and diſcreet maieſtracy, the ſame knight yet liueth, but vpon occaſions gaue vp, and liueth priuate. In his yeare her Maieſty (after her progreſſe) returned to her houſe at ſaint Iames, where the Citizens of London, to the number of 200. on horſſe, in veluet cotes and chaines of gold, and a thouſand on foot, with euery man a torch to giue light, they receiued her ioyfully, and on the 24. day of the ſame moneth, her Maieſty with her Nobles rode to the parlament houſe. Alſo this yeare the Citizens by commandement, muſtered to the number of 4000. at Mile end and elſe-where, and on the x. of May skirmiſhed before her Maieſty at Greenwich, who gaue them great thanks.

Sheriffes. Steven Slany. Henry Billingſly.

An. reg. 28 Sir Wolſtan Dyxy *Skynner.* 1585

SIr Wolſtan Dyxy being this yeare Lord Mayor, ſhewed himſelfe a worthy & vpright maieſtrate, and as he bare himſelfe in his life and authority, ſo when God tooke him from the world, he left many remembrances of his charitable and godly deedes. At firſt, he gaue a porcion of land to his company to theyr vſe for euer, Alſo for certaine Diuine Lectures to be read in a place appointed he hath giuen a yearly annuity. More he gaue bountifully to the poore of his pariſh, apoin ting a yearely ſumme to be diſtributed amongſt them, by the hands of the com pany of the Skinners. This yeare was the ſecond Lottery for Armour, alſo the 14 Traytors were executed. This knight hath as yet no mouument erected, but is bu ried in ſaint Mychaels at Baſhingſhaw.

{*Sheriffes.* {Anthony Ratcliffe. / Henry Prannell.}}

An. reg. 29 Sir George Barne *Haberdaſher* 1586

Sir George Barne was this yeare Lord Mayor, and liued after the diſcharge of that place a gentle knight and well reputed luſtice of this fayre citty, the day of his entring, Ludgate being new finiſhed was opened, for the Councell to paſſe thorough to the Guildhall to dinner. This knight was the firſt aduenturer to Barbary, Rouſhia and Genua, he was alwaies accounted a great furtherer of a common wealth, hated couetouſneſſe, was glad to heare that young men proſpered, he alwaies ſet forwatd the poore mans cauſe. This mayor with his brethren in ſcarlet, and diuers Nobles of the land, with the number of 80. graue Citizens in veluet cotes and chaines of golde, with ſounde of trumpet made declaration of ſentence againſt the Queene of Scots, he was buried at ſ. Bartho. at the Exchange.

Sheriffes { Robert Houſe. / William Elkin. }

An. reg. 30 Sir George Bond. 1587

IN this yeare of our Lord this cities charge was giuen to this knight. Much trouble was attempted againſt this land this yeare, All parts of the land was prouided and put in readineſſe to make reſiſtance againſt the proud Spaniard, whoe came hither with full reſolution to captiuate this nation. Alſo her maieſty attended by her Nobility, paſſed forth to the campe lying at Tylbury, where ſhe in perſon viewed euery ſeuerall ranke, to the great ioy of all her ſubiects. Alſo after, it had pleaſed God to diſcomfite the enemy, this Lorde mayor and Aldermen with the Companies of this citty, aſſembled at Paules Croſſe, where was made a learned thankeſgiuing by M. Nowel, for the great deliuerye againſt the Spaniardes. This knight lies in the Mercers chappell, hauing no monument.

Sheriffes. Thomas Skinner, Iohn Catcher

An. reg. 31 Sir Martin Calthorpe *Draper.* 1588

THis yeare ſir Martin Calthorpe was Lord Mayor of this citty. In this yeare the xvii. of Nouember was appointed holliday, and the citizens were aſſembled at Paules croſſe. Alſo in this mayors time, her Maieſty attended by all the ſtates of this land, came in great royalty from ſomerſet houſe to paules, and at temple barre, this Mayor and the reſt of the Aldermen receiued her maieſty, deliuering vp al authority to her that gaue it, & ſhe deliuered backe to this Mayor hir royall ſcepter, who bare the ſame before her, each ſeuerall company ſtanding on both ſides the way, from Fleetſtreat to paules, and returned backe by torchlight. After a little ſpace this mayor, aldermen, & graue commoners receined her again to weſtminſter, he died in his mayoralty, & is buried at ſaint Mary Hill.

Sheriffes. { Hugh Ofley. / Rich. Saltingſtall. }

*An.reg.*31 Sir Richard Martin *Goldſmith.* 1589

Sir Richard Martin, (by occaſion of the death of ſir Martin Calthorpe) came at an vnaccuſtomed time of the yeare to this gouernment, namely the third day of May, in which moneth there was a generall fifteene gathered throughout London for the cleaſing of the Fleet ditch. Alſo this worthy knight being inuited to the Seargeants feaſt then held in the new Temple Hall (hauing certaine aldermen his brethren in company) at the Temple gate this Lord Mayor was by certen young Gentlemen of that houſe, denied entrance with his ſword borne vp before him, vpon which vncourteous demeanor made, hee returned backe to his owne houſe and did not dine with them. This knight liueth, hath bin twice Lord mayor he is a welbeloued Iuſtice, and the ancienteſt on that worthy bench.

Sheriffes. { Hugh Ofley. / Rich. Saltingſtall. }

*An.reg.*32 Sir Iohn Hart *grocer.* 1589

THis yeare of our Lord, ſir Iohn Hart was Lord Mayor of this Honourable Citty. This yeare the Cittizens were often frighted with fire, firſt a great fire happened on Fiſhſtreet hill, burning the houſe downe to the ground, ſome two daies after, another houſe ouer againſt the firſt, againe, not paſſing 4 daies diſtant, another houſe and ſome people were burnt on the backeſide of the firſt houſe. Alſo this yeare were great tempeſt of winde. Alſo, in the moneth of September, there happened a great diſorder at Lincolnes Inne, betwixt prentiſes and the gentlemen of that houſe, ſo that ſome bloud was ſhed, and woulde haue growne more dangerous, had not the ſame by this wiſe maieſtrate bin appeaſed. He liueth a good knight, and an vpright and graue Iuſtice in this citty.

Sheriffes { Richard Gurney. / Steuen Some. }

An. reg. 33. Sir Iohn Allat Fiſhmonger. 1590

IN this yeare ſir Iohn Allat by conſent and cuſtome was Lorde Mayor of this citty, he was alſo Mayor of the Queenes ſtaple, he deceaſed in the moneth of ſeptember next following his entrance, and then ſir Rowland Heyward Clothworker ſerued out that yeare, being about ſixe weekes. this yeare paſſed a verye hard yeare with the poore, for bread corne, fleſh, and whitmeates, al grew to an exceeding deare rate, and yet there was enough for money. Hacket this year was executed in Cheapeſide for many traitorous vſages of the Queenes picture, and being moued to aske God and the Queene forgiueneſſe, he fell to raging againſt her maieſty, and began a moſt blaſphemous ſpeach againſt God, this knight lies in a pariſh church in Fryday ſtreat hauing a pretty monument erected.

Sheriffes. Nycholas Moſley. Robert Brooke.

An. reg. 34. Sir William Web *Salter.* 1591

IN this yeare of our Lord ſir William Webbe keeping the vſuall ſolemnity and cuſtome went to Weſtminſter and receiued his charge, this knight diſcharged the place in great credit, and liued ſome few yeares a well accounted Iuſtice, at the place of his buriall, being ſaint Dunſtans in the Eaſt, I find no monument, but that he was buried in a vaule, which is altogither reſerued for the better ſort, neyther as yet find any notes of his bounty. This yeare died ſir Chriſtopher Hatton Lord Chauncellor. Alſo this yeare by reaſon of a mighty ſtrong Weſt winde, the Thames was left ſo bare of water, by forcing out the freſh, and keeping back the ſalt water, that men in diuers places, might go two hundred paces ouer, and then fling a ſtone to the land.

Sheriffes. William Rider. Bennet Barnham.

*An.reg.*35 Sir wiliam Roe *Ironmonger.* 1592

THis Lord Mayor rode from the Guildhall to the Tower, and there tooke his Oath, being accompanied with the Aldermen, the Liuery and Batchelers of the Ironmongers, and the liuery of the Haberdashers and no more, all these dined at the Lord Mayors house, and at the halles of these two companies, all this was done by the appointment of the Councell, to auoyd infection of the plague. Mychaelmasse tearme was carryed to Hertford. Also Bartholomew faire was not kept at London, all to auoyd the great concourse of people that might haue byn gathered together, whereby the infection would haue increased. This Mayor dyed in his Mayoralty, some 3. or 4. daies before the ende of his honour, and lyeth buryed at saint Laurences, but hath no monument erected.

Sheriffes { Iohn Garrard. / Robert Taylor. }

*An.reg.*36 Sir Cuthbert Buckle, Vintner. 1593

SIr Cuthbert Buckle had his oath giuen him at the tower, as the Maior the yeare before him, becauſe the plague increaſed very extreamly, he himſelfe deceaſed in the moneth of Iuly, and ſir Richard Martin was now the ſecond time L. Mayor, In this yeare died William Elkin Alderman, and a [illegible] benefactor vnto this citty, there died alſo ſir Rowland Heyward, and ſir W[illegible]ſtan Dyxye. Alſo the whole number of people buried this yeare in the citty and ſuburbes 17893. Of the plague 10675. After in this yeare the Cittizens made ready ſix ſhippes & two Gallies, with men, munition, and victuals for three moneths to her Maieſties vſe. More was granted to her Maieſties vſe, by a common councell 450. men on foote all likewiſe ſet out at the charges of the cittizens by way of a fifteene.

{Sheriffes. {Paul Banning. / Peter Hautyn.}}

*An.reg.*37 Sir Iohn Spencer *Clothworker.* 1594

IN this yeare of our Lord, sir Iohn Spencer was chosen Lord Mayor of this Honourable citty, he receiued his honour and charge at Westminster, and his feast at the Guildhall. In this yeare as M. Iohn Stow recordeth, corne rose to an excessiue great price, and not only corne, but all manner victuals, by reason of transportation. Also this yeare diuers were punished for abusing the market people, in selling away their goods at what vnder price they thought good, More this yeare was a great ryot committed on the Tower hill, this Lord Mayor rode thither accompanied with his officers to cleere the hill, where his swordbearer was striken down, sore wounded, & his sword wrung out of his hand by the lieutenants man, but being again recouered, this Lord Mayor made proclamation of peace,

{*Sheriffes.* {Iohn Lee. / Thomas Benner. }

SIr Stephen Slany had this yeare committed to his charge. At this time it was thought neceſſary for two marſhals to be appointed for the purging and clenſing this citty from vagarent perſons. Alſo this yeare the Lord Mayor and aldermen were ſetched from the ſermon at Paules Croſſe, and forthwith vpon precept from the Councell preſſed a thouſand men, which was done by 8. a clock the ſame night, but the next day by the afternoone they were all diſcharged, then ſuddenly on Eaſter day, euery man in his pariſh church being ready to receiue the communion, the Aldermen with their officers ſhut the church doores, till they had gathered againe the 1000. men, which were going to Douer to ayde Callice, but the French had loſt it. This knight liueth a worthy iuſtice of this citty.

Sheriffes { Thomas Lowe. / Leonard Halliday. }

*An.reg.*39. Sir Tho. Skinner Clothwor. 1596

THis ſir Thomas Skinner being choſen Mayor for this yeare, and ſeeing the great diſtreſſe of breadcorne to grow ſo vnmercifull deare, that the faces of the poore did manifeſt their want, this Mayor in a feeling compaſſion, pitty and care, prouided that breadcorne ſhoulde bee brought from Danske, and other the Eaſt countries by our Merchants, who had freely giuen them both cuſtome & ſtowage, and alſo to make their owne price, ſo that his great care brought with it this good, that corne was to be had for money. In this yeare was great triumphe for the preſeruation of her Maieſty. He liued but a while in his honor, and died the 30 of Decem. and lies buried in Milkeſtreat. He was of a ſtout ſtomach, very mercifull and vpright, and whoſe death was much bewayled of the poore.

Sheriffes. Richard Goddard. John Wats.

*An.reg.*39 Sir Henry Bilignſly *Haberda.* 1596

SIr Henry Billingſly by reaſon of the death of the other Mayor, was elected & choſen to ſerue the reſt of the yeare in this place of honor, whoe beeing chiefe Cuſtomer for her Maieſty, vpon twelfe eeue ſat in the cuſtome houſe with the ſword lying before him on the table, and on the xi. of Ianuary he tooke his Oath at the Tower of London, this happened by reaſon that ſir Thomas Skinner liued but about ſome two moneths in that office. The great dearth was not yet abated, for the ſpring fell out very cold, and alſo great prouiſion was made to ſea, where by victuals kept a very high price, yet in the moneth of Auguſt, the prices of grain ſomthing abated, wheat from xiii.s. to x. and Rye from 9. to 6. & ſo to 3.s 2 d. but it after roſe againe. He liueth a Iuſtice and chiefe cuſtomer to her Maieſty.

Sheriffes. { Richard Goddard. / Iohn Wats. }

*An.reg.*40 Sir Rich. Saltonſton *skinner.* 1597

IN this yeare of our Lord, this Lord Mayor was by common conſent & cuſtom elected, and ſerued this place to him committed in great quiet and peace, In this yeate began the reading of Lectures of the ſeuerall ſciences in ſir Thomas Greſhams colledge by him founded in Biſhopſgateſtreat. Alſo this yeare began the Parliament at Weſtminſter in October, wheras through the mighty recourſe of people, diuers were cruſhed and ſmouldred to death, preaſing betwixt White hall and the colledge church, to ſee her maieſty and Nobility riding in their robes to the ſaid parliament, ſir thomas Garrard and his men making way before them Alſo this yeare was great froſts, this knight is lately deceaſed, ſo that as yet I haue not gathered true notes togither.

Sheriffes { Henry Roe. / Iohn More. }

An. reg. 41. Sir ſtephen Some *Grocer.* 1598

THis yeare the gouernment of this citty was committed to this knight, In his time he rouſed vp a great corruption long before lying hidde, to the great dammage of people, (namely falſe waighres and meaſures, vſed in buying & ſelling) wherby great good may inſue to this citty, if the eie of luſtice take ſom view thereof now and then. Alſo in his time was rayſed a great muſter of men in this citty of 6000. of which, three thouſand wer houſholders only, the other three thouſand all ſubſidy men picked forth of euery ward, to guard the Queenes perſon, all which companies muſtred at Mileend in gallant manner (this Mayor himſelfe comming into the field, giuing great thankes to the cittizens for their great forwardneſſe. He liueth a worthy luſtice, and a man of couragious ſtomach.

Sheriffes. Edmond Holmdon. Robert Hampſon.

*An.reg.*42 Sir Nych. Mosly *Clothworker* 1599

SIr Nycholas Mosley was for this yeare Lord Mayor of London, whose passage in his gouernment is fresh in the memory of enery man, This knight so behaued himselfe in this place of honour, and vsed such care and conscience therewithall, as well might please the best minded, His care was great and very diligent in seeing into the markets, that they might not exact vpon the buyers, Also he had euer a speciall eye to Bakers, to hold them to their assises, wherby the poor man might haue his penniworth, Againe towards Victualers, by reason that they are growne many and bad, whose measure is in generall without all conscience. Also great abuse in seacoles, he to his power did cause to be amended, setting the cittyes armes vpon euery cart that ought to carry true measure too and fro.

Sheriffes { Rychard Wylde. / Roger Clarke. }

An. reg. 43. Sir Wil. Ryder *Haberdaſher.* 1600

THis preſent yeare of our Lord, the gouernment of this Citty by the ful conſent and auncient cuſtome of our Cittizens, was committed to ſir Willyam Ryder, now Lord Mayor of this Honourable cittye of London. Of whoſe worthineſſe in his place euery eie may witneſſe, whoſe care in maintenance of the good of this citty, ſheweth it ſelfe dayly by his great paines taking, in reformation of an olde and long corruption rooted amongeſt men, in abuſing the true vſe of waight and meaſure, and that his cares herein may bee the better remembred, he hath ordained in euery market place, common ſcales and waights, wherein all men may find out fraud and deceit with the author thereof, Alſo his diligent eye for his princes ſeruice hath bin quicke & worthy the truſt to him committed.

Sheriffes. Thomas Cambell. William Craven.